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Nippon Maru, Hongkong to San Francisco, remained in the stream at Woosung while in this port, and was loaded from lighters during daylight only. Inspection was held on the tender immediately prior to her departure for the ship. Manifests were viséed for 4,799 pieces of freight.

The weekly report of the municipal health department shows, among Chinese, 1 death from smallpox.

Plague-infected rats continue to be found in all sections of the settlement. There have been discovered up to the present time 91 separate foci of infection. The disease continues to prevail among rats in the Hongkew district in the vicinity of the wharves. There have been no human cases of plague reported.

Copy of communication from the French consul-general showing what measures have been adopted in the French concession toward preventing an outbreak of plague, is inclosed.

Reports from Tientsin show for the week ended January 30, smallpox 5 cases, with 1 death, the Austro-Hungarian, Japanese, and British concessions reporting.

Plague has again broken out in the vicinity of the coal mines at Tongshan in northern China. No information has been received as to measures adopted to combat the disease.

[Inclosure.]

No case of plague has been discovered in the French concession. A circular was sent out December 26, 1908, to all proprietors of hotels and godowns, as well as to the shipping companies in the concession, asking them to second the efforts made by the council by collecting the rats found dead on their premises, and to send such rats to the sanitary authorities for examination. This circular was accompanied by instructions relative to the collection and handling of dead rats. A Chinese translation of these instructions was sent to the Chinese newspapers, and 5,000 copies were posted in the streets and alleyways of the concession.

Six gangs of coolies, armed with the necessary receptacles and antiseptics, each morning collected the rats. This system was put in operation December 28, and has been carried out each day.

January 31 92 rats were found and necropsied in the laboratory. None presented evidences of plague.

CUBA.

Reports from Habana—Inspection of vessels.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Amessee reports, March 22:

Week ended March 20.

Vessels inspected.....	25
Bills of health issued.....	29
Members of crews of outgoing vessels inspected.....	1,350
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected.....	1,010

No quarantinable disease was reported in Cuba during this period.

Smallpox on steamship Monterey at Habana.

The following was received from Acting Assistant Surgeon Villoldo, March 29:

One passenger arrived from Mexico March 22 on steamship *Monterey* developed smallpox on March 25. Case confirmed March 28. *Monterey* now in New York.

The *Monterey* left Veracruz March 18.